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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - County Public Library Systems - Minimum Library Program**
3 **Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of altering, in specified fiscal years, the specified amounts of the
5 minimum allocations per each resident that each county public library system
6 shall receive for operating and capital expenses; and generally relating to
7 additional funding for county public library systems in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 23-503
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 23-503.

17 (a) (1) The entire capital and operating cost of the minimum library
18 program for this State as a whole shall be shared as provided in this subsection.

19 (2) The State shall provide:

20 (i) Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of the minimum
21 program; and

22 (ii) Not less than 20 percent of the cost of the minimum program in
23 any county.

24 (3) The counties participating in the program together shall provide
25 through local taxes approximately 60 percent of the total statewide cost of the
26 minimum program.

1 (b) (1) Each county public library system that participates in the minimum
2 library program shall be provided for each resident of the county, to be used for
3 operating and capital expenses:

4 (i) [For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998 - \$10.75;

5 (ii) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999 - \$11.00;

6 (iii)] For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 - \$11.50; [and

7 (iv)] (II) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 [and each fiscal
8 year thereafter] - \$12.00;

9 (III) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 - \$12.00;

10 (IV) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 - \$13.50;

11 (V) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 - \$15.00;

12 (VI) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005 - \$16.50; AND

13 (VII) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND EACH
14 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER - \$18.00.

15 (2) (i) The State shall share in this amount.

16 (ii) Any county may provide an amount greater than its share
17 under the cooperative program, but the State may not share in the excess.

18 (c) Any employer Social Security contributions required by federal law for any
19 employee in a county public library system shall remain the obligation of the
20 employer.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2001.